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My dear Doctor, When I last had the pleasure of seeing you I expressed a hope that I might be able to spend an afternoon with you very shortly, but in truth I now see so little prospect of it that I almost give up the expectation - Commercial distress is spreading far & wide & frustrating most who are directly or indirectly within its influence - My sole object in writing you just now is to send a very short list of your Grass Book plants, of which I should be much pleased to have a specimen - You will readily believe that I am thinking but little of Botany just now, but as you informed me that you were about packing up your duplicates, I conceive that now, or never, is the time to make my application - I hope you will give yourself no trouble in hunting for them, nor feel inclined to think that I measure my expectations by the Standard of your liberality - Such, I hope, is not the case, but inasmuch as I see little chance at present of botanizing for myself any resources will centre mainly in my own

Collection, which for that reason I look
upon with more affection (if possible) than
heretofore - My wants then are as follows

- + *Andropogon Virginicum*
- + *Calamagrostis coarctata*
- Mariscus ovalaris*
- + — — — var. *tenellus*
- + *Panicum verrucosum*
- + *Paspalum leue*
- Sirypus subterminalis*
- + *Scleria reticularis* (Laxa Torr.)
- + *Carex conoidea* Schkr.
- *pellita*
- + *Aira caespitosa*
- + *Misetum palustre*
- + *Vilfa heterolepis* -

Now, if you are as good a fellow as I think
you are, you will not put this letter into
your pocket & forget all about it, but keep it
handy for reference, as you are examining
your plants, that I may be the better for what
you have to spare -

I am Dr. Gray

Yrs. with much regard

Dr. Carey

Q. & A. Gray